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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action on the merits, the Applicants request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In the above application, please delete claims 1-16 and add claims 17-34 as follows:

17. A method of treatment of bacterial infections in mammals, particularly in man, which method comprises the administration to a mammal in need of such treatment of an effective amount of a quinoline of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof: